

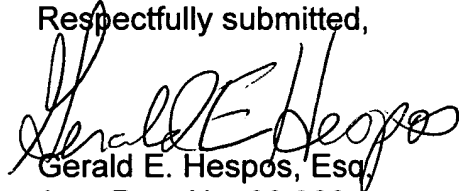
**REMARKS**

Consideration of this application, as amended, is requested.

The claims have been amended to eliminate multiple dependency and to conform more closely to typical U.S. practice. These amendments are clearly not narrowing in nature and are not entered for purposes of patentability under U.S. law.

Early and favorable action on the claims is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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